

CONGRESS WILL PERMIT NO MORE OBSTRUCTION TO WAR RESOLUTION

Both Senate and House Got Down to Work With Prospects of Remaining in Session Continuously Till the Matter Had Been Disposed of as President Asked

SEN. LODGE ADVOCATES SEIZING GERMAN SHIPS

Senator La Follette Was Busy During the Early Part of the Session Confering With His Colleagues Who Are Expected to Oppose the Resolution

Washington, D. C., April 4.—Congress got down to work on the war resolution to-day, with prospects of remaining in session continuously until it is disposed of. In the Senate it was taken up at 10 o'clock by unanimous consent and with the administration leaders determined to permit no other business to interfere with it.

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, who yesterday forced the resolution over until to-day, was not in the chamber when Senator Hitchcock got unanimous consent to take it up. Almost every other senator and many House members were present when the debate began. In a brief opening statement, Senator Hitchcock, who is in charge of the resolution, said the present time was the time for action and not discussion.

During Senator Hitchcock's speech Senator La Follette was absent most of the time, conferring with Senator Gronna and others who are expected to oppose the resolution.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, ranking Republican member of the foreign relations committee, supporting the resolution, declared that the United States should seize the German merchant ships now in American ports and use them to replace the ships Germany has sunk by submarines.

Repeating the warnings given to Germany against ruthless submarine warfare, Senator Swanson asked if they were mere empty boasts and bluff or a solemn voice of a resolute people. "No," he answered; "Congress will not by cowardly action declare that diplomatically we roar and then, when rebuffed, strike with the gentle hand of a woman."

Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, told the Senate that he was bitterly opposed to the United States entering the war, but he did not flatly say that he would vote against the resolution.

"Wall street," Norris asserted, "is interested in profiting from the United States entering the war." He also declared: "A large number of newspapers and new agencies have been controlled and enlisted in the greatest propaganda the world has ever known to manufacture sentiment for war."

Senator Vardaman, Democrat of Mississippi, was the first senator speaking in opposition to the resolution. He would vote against it. Senator Stone of Missouri, who followed Vardaman, opposed the resolution but pledged himself to do everything in his power to help wage the war successfully.

House to Discuss Senate Resolution.
The House foreign affairs committee to-day accepted the Senate war resolution in place of its own and favorably reported the resolution for passage. By unanimous consent the House agreed to begin discussion of the resolution at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Representative Shackelford of Missouri, Democrat, and Cooper of Wisconsin, Republican, were the only members of the committee to vote against the resolution.

FLEET TO BE USED EARLY.
Government Already Taking Steps to Co-operate with Allies.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—War plans, military, economic and financial, for aggressive hostilities against Germany were rushed forward yesterday by the administrative branch of the government and only await action by Congress on a war resolution to be put into execution.

President Wilson and his cabinet went over the war plans at a two-hour session, and previously the national defense council with its civilian advisory commission and several subsidiary organizations developed policies and details of momentous consequence to the nation. Meanwhile the war and navy departments were going ahead with the most immediate preparations for defense.

Already the navy has taken steps to insure co-operation between the American fleet and those of the entente allies, to become effective upon the formal entry of the United States into the war. The most important plans under preparation by the administration include:

Enlistment by selective conscription of young men for a national army, in addition to the regular establishment and National Guard in increments of 500,000 until enough have been trained to make certain the defeat of Germany.

Organization of the nation's commercial interests for economical and effective

AUSTRIA SCANDAL CAUSED RESIGNATION OF THREE OFFICIALS

They Are Said to Have Assisted Dr. Franz to Escape Consequences of Having Illegally Sold Goods to Army at Exorbitant Prices.

London, April 4.—The Austrian ministers of justice, war and finance have resigned after revelation of a grave scandal connected with army supplies, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from The Hague, which quotes German newspapers as authority. According to the dispatch, the ministers assisted Dr. Franz, formerly director of the Vienna deposit bank, to escape the consequences of having illegally sold foodstuffs to the army at exorbitant prices.

At the trial of Franz documents were produced which convinced the judge that the ministers had forged the paper used in the banker's behalf. They were summoned as witnesses and they admitted their guilt. Later they resigned. The affair is said to have caused a tremendous sensation in Viennese political circles.

MOST OF PACIFISTS GIVE UP THE JOB AND RETURN HOME

The Few That Remain in Washington Continue to Buttonhole Congressmen—The Other Side Grows.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—Most of the pacifists, finding their efforts to prevent war fruitless, had gone home to-day. The few that remained continued to seek the votes of the members of Congress against the resolution. The ranks of the pilgrims of patriotism were augmented by additional arrivals and they urged the senators and representatives to stand by the president.

AMERICAN SHIPS ARRIVE IN PORT

The Armed St. Paul and Finland, Which Left New York March 24, Are in English Havens.

New York, April 4.—Word was received to-day of the arrival of the American steamships Finland and St. Paul at English ports. Both ships left American port March 24, armed.

TWO-DOLLAR WHEAT REACHED TO-DAY

It Is the Highest Figure Ever Quoted on Normal Market in Chicago.

Chicago, April 4.—Two dollar wheat became an actuality to-day. Grain for delivery next month sold at that price on the opening of the board of trade to-day. It is the highest price ever paid here on a normal market.

SUSPENDS PEACE WORK.

Vermont Branch of League Decides to Join Heartily in New Work.

Burlington, April 4.—The Vermont branch of the League to Enforce Peace has suspended its activities in Vermont, according to the following statement: "To the Vermont members of the League to Enforce Peace and to all citizens of the state:

"The Vermont branch of the League to Enforce Peace began a state-wide campaign on Jan. 1, 1917, to create public sentiment in favor of a league of nations to insure the peace of the world at the close of the present war, with the following officers: President, Henry C. Ide; secretary and treasurer, Ralph E. Flanders; state executive secretary, Roderic Olizendam; Guy Potter Benton, chairman of the executive committee, consisting of Horace F. Graham, Charles W. Gates, John Abner Mead, James B. Eaton, James Hartness and Joseph Fairbanks.

"The state committee believes that it has every reason to be proud of the splendid and whole-hearted response with which the program of the league has been adhered to in this state. Fourteen hundred people have become members and the financial assistance so generously given by men and women throughout the state has made it possible for the organization to meet all calls upon it and to be at this time solvent.

"With international conditions as they now are, we feel that the hour has come to join our forces heartily and with one accord to sustain our state and national governments in any course it may seem wise to them to follow.

"It is therefore the unanimous judgment of the executive committee in meeting duly called and held that the work of the Vermont branch of the League to Enforce Peace should now be suspended.

"Signe," Guy Potter Benton, "Chairman of the state executive committee," Roderic Olizendam, "Secretary of the state executive committee," April 3, 1917."

FRANCE WAITS EAGERLY
To See What Congress Will Do About War.

Paris, April 4.—The attention of France is fixed intently on Washington, waiting for a vote by Congress on President Wilson's recommendation that Congress declare that a state of war with Germany exists. Among the characteristic newspaper comment is that of the Temps, which says:

ON OUTSKIRTS OF ST. QUENTIN

French Patrols Advanced There After Great Gains Southwest of the Town

POWERFUL POINTS OF SUPPORT TAKEN

The French Also Made Gains East and West of the River Somme

Paris, April 4.—French patrols last night reached the southwestern outskirts of St. Quentin, the war office announced to-day. Fighting continued south of the river Ailette and the French made further gains east and west of the river Somme.

The official communication last night said that a series of powerful organized points of support held by large German forces and about eight miles in extent had been captured by the French to the south of St. Quentin, and various villages and heights fell into the hands of the French.

The communication also reported that the town of Rheims has been violently bombarded by the Germans, more than 2,000 shells having been thrown into it, resulting in some casualties to the civilian population.

Last night's communication reads as follows: "East and west of the Somme, after violent artillery preparation, our troops attacked an enemy position, which extended north of the line of Castres, Esigny and Denay, from L'Epine de Dallon as far as the Oise.

"Notwithstanding the stubborn resistance of the enemy our troops everywhere reached their objective and occupied on a front of about 13 kilometers a series of points of support, solidly organized and held by large forces. L'Epine de Dallon and the villages of Dallon, Giffecourt and Cerisy and several heights south of Crivillers are in our power.

"South of the Ailette river we continued to progress in the region of Laffaux, the southern and northeastern outskirts of which we hold.

"Our troops likewise captured Vanvency and have taken foot on the ridge north of that hamlet. Our batteries took under their fire a German column marching in the direction of Laffaux mill.

"The enemy violently bombarded the town of Rheims, into which more than 2,000 shells were fired. Several of the civilian population were killed.

"The cannonade was intermittent on the rest of the front."

MAISSEMY CAPTURED.

British Also Occupied Ronsoy Wood, London Reports.

London, April 4.—The British official statement last night was as follows: "In the course of a successful attack yesterday southeast of Arras our troops, after prolonged fighting, carried the village of Henin-sur-Cojeux, in addition to the villages already reported captured. During the evening a second German counter-attack was broken up by our artillery. (The other villages, mentioned in Monday's official statement, were Douigne, Louvency, Noreuil, Lengatte, Ecoust-St. Mein and Croisilles.)

"Further south we also captured the village of Maissemy and occupied Ronsoy wood. We carried out a successful raid last night opposite Arras.

"Two German airplanes were brought down by our gunners yesterday, one of which fell in our lines. In air fighting four German machines were driven down damaged. Six of our machines are missing."

FEELING OF UNREST IN GERMAN SHIPYARD

Workmen in Big Plant at Hamburg Are Said to Be Demanding One-Third Increase in Wages.

Copenhagen, via London, April 4.—Berlin Tageblatt says that labor difficulties have broken out in the big Vulkan shipbuilding works in Hamburg, where most of Germany's great ocean liners have been built. The workmen demand one-third increase in wages.

UNUSUAL CHARGE BROUGHT.

Sharon Man Accused of Placing Poisonous Substance on His Premises.

White River Junction, April 4.—Washington L. Chamberlain of Sharon was brought into Hartford municipal court at this place yesterday on a charge of exposing poisonous substances on his premises. It is alleged that Chamberlain placed capsules containing caustic of potash in small cubes of meat, placing the meat at different points on the game trails around his farm and in that way it is further alleged, secured nearly \$1,000 worth of pelts.

A few days ago a party of hunters from West Hartford and Pomfret crossed Chamberlain's land and a valuable fox found which was with them dug up some of the poisoned meat which he ate and which his owner, Erving G. Allen of Pomfret, says caused the dog's death.

Investigation was made of the premises, and the contents of the dog's stomach were sent by the state's attorney to the laboratory of hygiene at Burlington where they were analyzed and the presence of poison detected.

Presiding Judge Witham set April 23 as the date for a preliminary hearing and released Chamberlain on \$500 bonds. As the maximum sentence for the offense is \$500 fine or not more than five years in prison it is probable that the case will eventually go to the county court at Woodstock, unless Chamberlain pleads guilty, which is improbable.

It is said that one or two other unexplained deaths of animals, namely a shepherd dog and a cow, occurred recently in the same vicinity.

VT. VANGUARD GOING TO FORT

The St. Albans Machine Gun Company May Arrive There Thursday

OTHER COMPANIES BEING RECRUITED

Barre Headquarters Company Now Quartered in Barracks

St. Albans, April 4.—Edward F. Smith, captain of the Machine Gun company, 1st Vermont National Guard, received orders this morning from Governor's Island, N. Y., pursuant to announcement Tuesday that all companies would be mobilized at their home armories preparatory to going to Fort Ethan Allen to be mustered in, that the company get ready to leave for that fort. The men are now awaiting transportation orders to leave, which will probably be Thursday.

Company B now has 75 men, and of that number 60 have seen federal service already. The company is being put through daily drills.

AT FULL STRENGTH.

Company D of St. Johnsbury Is in Good Shape.

St. Johnsbury, April 4.—Company D recruited to full war strength, mobilized at the armory and drilling in progress. Capt. H. A. Wilcox, like other commanders in the state, received word Monday night to assemble his men. The call was sounded at 8:55 and in less than an hour practically every man in town had reported for duty and messages had been received from members of the company living in nearby towns, saying that they would be on hand early in the morning, and they were.

NOW SLEEPING IN ARMORY.

Headquarters Company, V. N. G., Is Eating at Restaurants.

At the company barracks on the third floor of the Howland building, mounted orderlies, musicians and non-commissioned staff were in a fever of expectancy to-day over the prospects of receiving their equipment in the very near future. The first consignment arrived yesterday afternoon and was unloaded in front of the armory before a large crowd of bystanders, many of whom seemed to regard the transfer as a move favoring strongly of war-like preparations. The load consisted of bunks and were used by the company for the first time last night. As the commissary department is waiting for its equipment, the members of the company are continuing to get their meals at two local restaurants. The barracks are under a military regime at this time and all three sections of the headquarters unit are obedient to orders at all hours of the day and night.

Adj. Barber was at the state arsenal this forenoon and it is thought that supplies, uniforms and other equipment will be ready for shipment to Barre within a day or two. Bandmaster F. C. Dunham of Northfield is here to encourage recruiting for the regimental band, which suffered somewhat by defection as a result of the physical examinations given last week. It is probable that an effort will be made at once to bring the company up to the strength desired. As to the destination of the company, or the regiment, for that matter, there is an air of uncertainty, but the boys are not uneasy and are resolved to accept cheerfully whatever may be their lot.

FOUR NAVAL RECRUITS.

The Number Includes One More From Barre.

Burlington, April 4.—The office under the charge of Ensign Charles A. Harris for the purpose of enlisting recruits for the United States navy was busy yesterday. Out of 10 applications for enrollment in Uncle Sam's regular navy four men were accepted and sent to headquarters last night. These men are Lucian B. Beauchemin of 42 Marble avenue, this city, an ex-national guardsman, Francis W. Clough of Barre, L. B. Brown of Northfield and Simeon O. Clark of Barton. The first three were sent to the training station at Newport, R. I., and Clark was sent direct to the receiving ship at New York. Beauchemin as a musician of the second class, Clough and Brown as apprentice seamen and Clark as a ship fitter.

RECRUITING RAPIDLY.

Rutland Company May Soon Reach Full Strength.

Rutland, April 4.—Fifteen recruits applied to Capt. B. S. Hyland of this city yesterday for enlistment in Company A, First Regiment, V. N. G. They were given a physical examination during the afternoon as the company is 30 men short of war strength. When Robert Eddy of Wallingford, a member of the company, went to the shop where he works this morning to announce his call to arms 11 of his shipmates laid down their tools and came to Rutland with him to offer their services as soldiers.

DEPUTY MARSHALS WARNED.

To Hold Themselves in Immediate Readiness for a Call.

Rutland, April 4.—United States Marshal Arthur P. Carpenter has sent out from his office here to each deputy marshal and every sheriff in the state a warning as to the necessity of maintaining vigilance before those who would put such measures into effect have had time to carry out their purpose. The officers are instructed to hold themselves in readiness for any emergency call.

"COMPANY FUND" IS LEAPING AHEAD

Subscriptions in a Few Hours Amount to Several Hundred Dollars—Any Amount Gladly Received.

The movement to raise a "company fund" for the headquarters company, Vermont National Guard, located at Barre, got under way with marked enthusiasm to-day, and before 3 o'clock this afternoon over \$500 had been subscribed, showing that Barre is eager to lend encouragement to the new organization. It is proposed to continue the campaign for a time, and it is stated that any amount will be gladly received. The purpose of the fund is to enable the enlisted men of the headquarters company to secure some of the accessories of camp life which the state or the federal government do not furnish. The money will be placed in the hands of proper officials of the company and used with discretion. Subscribers paying by check should make them payable to H. G. Woodruff, treasurer of the Barre Board of Trade, and the subscriptions will be received at the Barre Daily Times office. The money will be turned over to Treasurer Woodruff and by him presented to the company. The following subscriptions have been made:

Barclay Brothers	\$25.00
James Brothers	25.00
D. M. Barclay	5.00
Carswell & Wetmore	5.00
E. L. Smith & Co.	25.00
Boutwell, Milne & Varum	25.00
E. R. Davis	2.00
J. W. Carver	10.00
G. R. Varum	10.00
Reynolds & Son	25.00
Harvey & Mower	10.00
R. G. Robinson	10.00
John H. Cook	10.00
F. D. Ladd Co.	20.00
Moore & Owens	25.00
People's National Bank	5.00
A. E. Bruce	5.00
Quarry Savings Bank	25.00
C. M. Willey	5.00
Barre Daily Times, Inc.	25.00
B. W. Hooker & Co.	25.00
A. A. Sargent	5.00
James Mackay	10.00
J. R. Mackay	1.00
H. A. Phelps	5.00
C. W. Averill & Co.	5.00
S. S. Andrews	10.00
Walker & Root Store	25.00
A. P. Abbott & Co.	25.00
P. H. Rogers & Co.	10.00
B. A. Eastman	5.00
Red Cross Pharmacy	10.00
N. D. Phelps Co.	25.00
Houghton & Robbins	5.00
Augustus M. Rossi	1.00
McAllister & Kent	10.00
G. N. Tilden	10.00

FACULTY MAY DRILL.

University of Vermont Also Has Preparedness Committee.

Burlington, April 4.—Prof. Guy Potter Benton of the University of Vermont appointed yesterday morning the following preparedness committee: Capt. S. A. Howard, military instructor, chairman; G. P. Burns, Thomas Bradley, M. B. Ogil, Edward Robinson, Dr. J. N. Jenne, J. E. Donahue and G. G. Grosz, the deans of the several colleges to co-operate with them.

The committee organized and outlined its work at a meeting at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It will seek information for a complete census of students, faculty and alumni to the end that the university may put all its resources at the disposal of the government. The work of military training will probably be done so as to include training by the faculty, many of whom already have volunteered.

REVOLVER SHOT 'MID MUSIC

Resulted in Arrest of Angus Stewart of Springfield.

Echoes of an accordion nocturne with pistol fire for its punctuation were heard in city court this forenoon and more of the same story will be aired before the magistrate Friday morning as the result of a plea of guilty entered by Angus Stewart when charged with illegally discharging a firearm. All of the "proof" for the presentation of the case was furnished by the alleged happenings responsible for Mr. Stewart's appearance in court occurred late last Thursday night.

The complainants numbered a dozen or more Italian musicians who had spent the evening at the home of a friend, Nicholas Romasco is the player who claims to have been nearest the bullet that sped past the party after leaving a pistol said to have been held by the hand of Mr. Stewart.

As the musicians say they left the house and as they were going down the road their number began to churn his revolver shot, followed almost instantly by a whizzing noise. Looking back, according to the story furnished the authorities, they saw the respondent standing on the steps of his home with a smoking pistol in his hand. The man, they declare, was garbed in night clothes. The party hurried downtown and lodged a complaint at police headquarters. Grand Juror William Wishart made an investigation and later Stewart was arrested by Deputy Chief Harry Gamble.

The respondent entered a denial of the charges made by the musicians and submits as his version of the affair that noise makers were near his house and that he went into his back yard and fired a revolver to call the police.

FOUR OPINIONS GIVEN

At Special Term of Supreme Court in St. Johnsbury.

St. Johnsbury, April 4.—A special session of the Vermont supreme court was held here yesterday. The full bench was present including Chief Justice John H. Watson of Montpelier, Seneca Hazleton of Burlington, George M. Powers of Morrisville, W. J. Taylor of Hardwick and W. W. Miles of Barton. Only three cases were on the printed docket to be heard.

Several opinions were handed down in cases from Caledonia county. The case of Spinyer, adm. vs. H. V. Hooker & Son, was ordered remanded at the general term in May; Stanley Garfield vs. Passaic Telephone company, judgment reversed and cause remanded for new trial; State vs. Plover, a liquor case, judgment of the municipal court affirmed and respondent remanded to the custody of the sheriff; Lydia Maule Estabrook vs. Henry F. Estabrook, judgment of the lower court affirmed.

WOOD CHOPPER STRUCK GIRL ON HEAD.

Montgomery, April 4.—While splitting wood, George Chubb, who is almost blind, hit his granddaughter on the head with the axe. The girl's condition is not serious.

REJECTED POLLARD

The Senate Would Not Have Him on State Board of Control

WILLIAMS BANK COMMISSIONER

The Legislature Is Getting Ready for Final Adjournment

The Vermont Senate to-day rejected Gov. Graham's appointment of Park H. Pollard of Cavendish as a member of the state board of control, but confirmed the following appointments:

Trustees of Middlebury college, Elmer A. Darling of Burke (two years), Robert E. Smith of Hartford and Frederick H. Farrington of Brandon.

Bank commissioner, Frank C. Williams of Newport.

Purchasing agent, Dewey T. Hanley of Essex.

State geologist and curator of state cabinet, George H. Perkins of Burlington. Member of board of administration of Norwich university, Herbert T. Johnson of Bradford.

The legislature is getting into the rush of final adjournment. Today a resolution was adopted in the House providing for final adjournment on Saturday, April 7 at 10 a. m. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Fenton of Rutland and, on motion of the same person, the rules were suspended and the resolution was adopted.

The rules were again suspended on motion of Mr. Moore of Ludlow and a special rule was adopted that no bill shall be introduced in the House after 12 o'clock of Thursday, April 5, and after April 4 when a bill is ordered to a third reading, the third reading shall be had forthwith and the bill shall be immediately placed on its passage.

Three new bills were introduced in the House this forenoon, as follows: To prohibit the granting of second-class licenses while the United States is at war; providing for inspection of licensed premises by order of commissioners, the expenses subject to approval by the board of control; providing for an issue of state bonds to the amount of \$180,000 to take up notes due July 1, 1917 and to meet appropriations already made for the new state building.

A new bill presented in the Senate was from the committee on state and court expenses. The bill provides for the care of state insane at the Brattleboro Retreat at a cost of \$4.50 per week for a patient, the amount being an increase of fifty cents over the present rate.

The Senate had a short debate on the House bill, extending the right of suffrage to women and providing for a referendum thereon. The committee recommended that the Senate propose to the House to amend the bill by striking out the provision for a referendum. Senator Bigelow opposed the proposed amendment and Senator Vilas favored it. Senator Fairchild opposed the amendment, while Senators Peck and Morse favored it. The amendment eliminating the referendum was then adopted, 15 to 14. The bill, on motion of Senator Vilas, was further amended to take effect from its passage; and the third reading was ordered, 17 to 11.

In refusing third reading to S. 79, the district court bill, the Senate yesterday afternoon for the first time this session turned down a measure backed by the administration. Senator Morse fought bravely and well, but in vain. To have the bill favorably considered but the three other leaders in the upper House, Senators Peck, Vilas and Fairchild, were opposed and when the vote was taken after 3 o'clock, after over three hours' debate, they had with them sixteen other senators. The bill was killed by a vote of 19 to 9. Those who voted for the bill were Senators Adams, Daniels, Dimond, Foote, Howe, Leavens, Martin, Morse and Proctor. Senators Taylor and Aldrich were absent.

The Senate again passed in concurrence the bill fixing the open season for deer from November 10 to November 20, as well as the bill to empower the trustees of the permanent school fund to receive and hold funds in trust.

The House was in session but a brief time yesterday afternoon, during which it passed the bill granting a ferry right across Lake Champlain between Grand Isle and Gravelly Point to J. H. Lutz, C. A. Lutz, and W. H. Lutz, and killed the bill to increase the wages of some State House employees.

WINS NEARLY \$9,000.

Rutland Man Given Verdict Against Rutland R. R.

Rutland, April 4.—A verdict for \$8,898.20 in favor of the plaintiff was returned in Rutland county court yesterday afternoon by the jury in the case brought by George C. Underhill against the Rutland Railroad company, together with the four or five special verdicts all in favor of the plaintiff. The jury found that there was an agreement between George T. Jarvis, general manager of the railroad company, whereby the plaintiff was to have a 20-year lease of the dock in question and the verdict was based on this agreement.

Leaves St. Albans.

St. Albans, April 4.—L. S. McCarthy, who has been assistant supervisor and physical director of the Stranahan Memorial club, left this morning for New York and from there will go to Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass., where for seven years he has been engaged in supervising public recreation.

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